

Senate Resolution 17 - Introduced

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1 1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. _____
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1 3 BOLKCOM, COURTNEY, DANDEKAR, DANIELSON, DEARDEN,
1 4 DOTZLER, DVORSKY, FEENSTRA, FRAISE, HAHN,
1 5 HAMERLINCK, HANCOCK, HARTSUCH, HATCH, HECKROTH,
1 6 HOGG, HORN, JOCHUM, KAPUCIAN, KETTERING, KIBBIE,
1 7 KREIMAN, McCOY, McKINLEY, NOBLE, OLIVE,
1 8 QUIRMBACH, RAGAN, REYNOLDS, RIELLY, SCHMITZ,
1 9 SCHOENJAHN, SENG, SEYMOUR, SODDERS, STEWART,
1 10 WARNSTADT, WIECK, WILHELM, and ZAUN
1 11 A Resolution honoring Iowa's women military veterans.
1 12 WHEREAS, since the Revolutionary War, over 2.5
1 13 million women have served in the United States Armed
1 14 Forces; and
1 15 WHEREAS, during the Civil War, Spanish-American
1 16 War, and World War I, while their husbands and fathers
1 17 were in the Army, Iowa women ran the farms and the
1 18 stores, sent food and medicine to wounded soldiers,
1 19 and cared for wounded and sick soldiers; and
1 20 WHEREAS, during the second World War, Fort Des
1 21 Moines hosted the formation and first training center
1 22 for the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, later renamed
1 23 the Women's Army Corps, training 72,000 troops and
1 24 commissioning the first female officers for noncombat
1 25 duty between 1942 and 1945; and
1 26 WHEREAS, Fort Des Moines produced 118 black female
1 27 officers and 3,656 black enlisted women by war's end,
1 28 representing 4 percent of all Women's Army Corps
1 29 troops; and
1 30 WHEREAS, the women who trained at Fort Des Moines
2 1 were the first women other than nurses to serve within
2 2 the ranks of the United States Army; and
2 3 WHEREAS, over 150,000 American women served in the
2 4 Women's Army Corps during World War II, freeing
2 5 250,000 male soldiers for combat duty in Europe and
2 6 the South Pacific and helping in a large way to make
2 7 the war effort successful; and
2 8 WHEREAS, thousands of Iowa women were deployed
2 9 during the Vietnam War and Operations Desert Shield
2 10 and Desert Storm and served stateside in essential
2 11 mission support roles; and
2 12 WHEREAS, over 14,500 Iowa women continue to serve
2 13 their country in ever increasing numbers; and
2 14 WHEREAS, Iowa women have fulfilled the promise that
2 15 began at Fort Des Moines by attaining high ranks in
2 16 the military, including two Iowa women serving as
2 17 Brigadier Generals, Janet Phipps and State
2 18 Representative Jodi Tymeson; and
2 19 WHEREAS, over 14,000 women veterans make Iowa their
2 20 home today, and the Fort Des Moines Museum, which has
2 21 been open for five years, preserves and tells the
2 22 story of the women pioneers of Fort Des Moines; NOW
2 23 THEREFORE,
2 24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
2 25 recognizes and honors the service and achievements of
2 26 women veterans of Iowa, thanks them for their service
2 27 to the United States of America and to Iowa, and
2 28 encourages all Iowans to recognize the contributions
2 29 of women, past and present, in the armed forces.
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